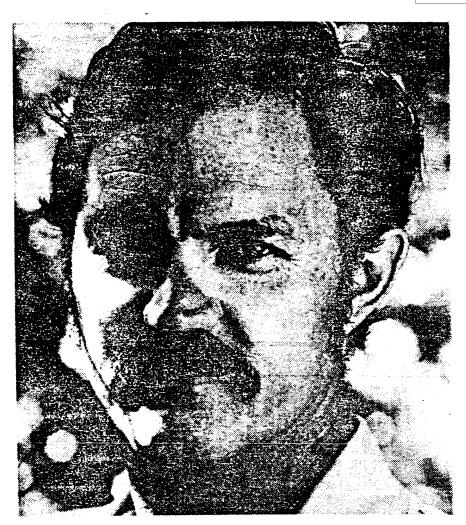
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The CIA Exposed on Celluloid

E verything you wanted to know about the CIA—but were afraid to ask. On Company Business, to be shown May 21 and 22, is billed as "the true history of the CIA." In addition, former agent John Stockwell will be speaking May 23 on his experiences and on current CIA operations.

The CIA is known by its employees as "The Company." The film is an ambitious chronicle of the company's business—focusing on its most ignoble operations, from its creation after World War II to 1980. The film draws together newsreel footage as well as a wide range of interviews with former government officials, loyal and disaffected CIA employees and participants in covert operations.

The message is clear: CIA covert operations to overthrow leftist governments or prop up rightist ones are part of the foreign policy of the United States, and they are the main activity of the CIA. The major operations are all here (with the notable exceptions of Vietnam and Indonesia): Europe after World War II, Guatemala, Iran, Cuba, the Congo, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, and Angola. The operations are summed up by an early directive: "We're facing an implacable enemy—there are no rules in such a game."

The most chilling footage tells of CIA—directed torture training and refinement in Brazil and Uruguay—supplied field telephones were, and possibly still are, used to give electric shocks to political prisoners; beggars picked up off the streets are used to research what voltage works best and then they are killed.

On Company Business will be shown May 21 at 7:30 p.m. and May 22 at 2:30 p.m.; both showings in UCSB's Campbell Hall. On Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. John Stockwell will speak about his experiences as an agent in Vietnam and Angola.

-John Raymond